# Afterlab - Liberal Violence and Puar

### Opening Biz

#### We will talk about Liberal Violence and Puar… but sometimes events in the news hit while we are in camp – I would like to talk about three of them (on this big news day):

#### First - Events at SCOTUS

#### Second – Trial of the van driver in the Freddy Gray case

#### Last – will the EU leave ?...

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### Explaining the K

#### What is motivating Western violence in the 1400’s ?...

#### What is motivating Western violence from 1940-45 ?...

#### What is motivating Western violence from 1945 through 1990 ?...

#### What is motivating Western violence in the post-Cold War moment ?..

#### What is “imperial violence”:

#### What is “liberalism”:

#### The basic thesis of “liberal violence” Kritiks:

#### Examples of liberal violence:

#### Puar’s specific Kritik of “liberal violence”

#### Puar’s “homonationalism” thesis:

### Answering the K

#### The data (social science) supporting “liberal violence” thesis can be questioned.

Read this citation:

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#### The “no transformative aspiration” argument:

#### The Laura Bush example happened – but was it really the cause of US invasion in Afghanistan ?...

#### Puar specific claims border on comical.

#### Demonizing “liberalism” can quickly support anti-liberal, violent causes

#### Stay on top of this neg argument: “root cause – unless we understand liberal violence, the aff can’t solve and war is inevitable”

#### The link is often very bad… Affirmative does not to embrace any of this.